

Trail Features

<u>MILE</u>	<u>TRAIL FEATURE</u>	<u>VEGETATION</u>
0.0	Intersection of Monument Trail with Park Creek Road. Monument Trail forks left off Park Creek Road as two-track in open park at confluence of Monument Creek and Leon Creek. 4X4 engraved trailhead post marks trailhead.	Open meadow/SF
0.03	Trail passes through rock barrier, climbs at gradual grade along Monument Creek.	
0.12	Trail climbs at moderate/steep grade.	Open meadow/aspen
0.16	Trail makes sharp right turn, travels at level grade in open park.	Open meadow
0.20	Trail crosses small flowing creek in open meadow.	
0.27	Trail passes through gate/fenceline, begins climbing at moderate grade.	
0.40	Trail continues to climb in open meadow bordered by aspen/spruce/fir.	OM/Aspen/SF
0.60	Trail crosses small, boggy creek, several reroutes in trail.	
0.63	Trail crosses small creek.	
0.72	Trail crosses boggy drainage.	
0.74	Trail continues at slight uphill grade in open meadow.	
0.81	Trail travels at level grade.	
0.83	Trail crosses small drainage (dry).	
0.87	Trail crosses small creek bottom (dry).	
0.98	Trail crosses small drainage, continues at level grade.	Open meadow
1.14	Trail crosses small flowing stream, continues travel along Monument Creek (south of trail).	OM/spruce/fir
1.22	Trail passes through pocket of spruce/fir.	Spruce/fir
1.35	Trail breaks out of spruce/fir, begins travel in large open park (Big Park).	Open meadow

1.39	Trail climbs at moderate/steep grade.	
1.50	Snowmobile route markers follow Monument Trail, Leon Peak visible to southwest.	
1.60	Trail passes through small, marshy area.	Open meadow
1.66	Trail travels on bench above Monument Creek, climbs at slight grade.	
1.73	Trail crosses large, boggy drainage, reroute above drainage.	
1.76	Trail crosses boggy drainage, trail bed in rough shape.	
1.90	Trail crosses small creek, standing water on trail bed.	
1.97	Trail crosses large bog hole, park begins to narrow, trail continues travel directly above Monument Creek.	OM/spruce/fir
2.13	Trail crosses large flowing creek.	Open meadow
2.35	Trail passes through small, marshy area.	
2.36	Trail climbs at moderate grade, several reroutes along trail.	
2.43	Trail passes through small, boggy drainage.	
2.45	Trail passes through boggy area, several reroutes.	
2.47	Trail reaches western end of Monument Reservoir #1.	
2.55	Trail crosses small, marshy area in pocket of spruce/fir.	OM/spruce/fir
2.68	Trail passes small pond on bench above Monument Res. #1.	
2.76	Trail crosses small, boggy drainage, several reroutes.	Open meadow
2.81	Trail passes through boggy area.	
2.91	Trail continues travel at level grade near east end of Monument Reservoir #1.	
3.00	Trail crosses small, muddy drainage.	
3.12	Trail reaches east end of Monument Res. #1, begins descending into Monument Creek drainage.	Open meadow

3.21	Trail crosses small, flowing creek.	
3.24	Trail crosses fork of Monument Creek.	
3.27	Trail crosses main fork of Monument Creek.	Open meadow
3.32	Snowmobile route markers fork right (south) off Monument Trail, trail continues at level grade up draw.	
3.37	Trail crosses Monument Creek again, crossing is somewhat difficult	
3.40	Trail passes through marshy area, several reroutes.	
3.51	Trail passes through boggy area, several reroutes. Trail continues up draw.	
3.61	Trail passes through boggy area along Monument Creek.	
3.82	Trail continues up narrow draw along Monument Creek.	Open meadow/SF
3.85	Trail crosses large, boggy area.	
3.90	Trail is severely rutted in boggy area.	
4.03	Trail crosses Monument Creek.	
4.06	Trail crosses Monument Creek again.	
4.13	Trail crosses fork of Monument Creek, begins ascending at very steep grade out of drainage. Trail is trough shaped because of severe erosion.	
4.20	Trail climbs out of drainage onto hillside at very steep grade.	Spruce/fir
4.40	Trail continues travel at level/moderate grade on ridge above Monument Creek drainage.	
4.56	Trail travels at moderate uphill grade on steep sidehill overlooking Monument Creek.	
4.82	Trail travels at moderate uphill grade through dense spruce/fir. Trail is very narrow.	Spruce/fir
4.85	Trail is severely rutted.	

4.87	Trail breaks out of spruce/fir into small, open meadow.	OM/Spruce/fir
4.93	Trail leaves open meadow, enters spruce/fir. Travels at level grade.	Spruce/fir
4.99	Trail travels through boggy ruts in spruce/fir. Standing water on trail bed.	Spruce/fir
5.03	Trail enters large meadow, continues travel at level grade.	Open meadow
5.16	Trail passes through marshy drainage.	
5.25	Trail re-enters spruce/fir at meadow edge.	Spruce/fir
5.28	Trail passes through boggy area.	
5.35	Trail is heavily rutted, boggy.	
5.38	Trail passes by large rock outcrop in small meadow to left of trail.	
5.48	Trail descends through spruce/fir toward Willow Park.	
5.53	Trail enters large, open park (Willow Park).	Open meadow
5.56	Trail descends into Willow Park, snowmobile route markers visible 200 yards to right (south) of trail.	
5.62	Trail travels at level grade through marshy area.	
5.86	Trail descends through meadow toward deep creek bottom.	
5.89	Trail descends at steep grade toward creek.	
5.92	Trail crosses large creek (Plateau Creek?).	
5.94	Trail climbs out of creek bottom at steep grade, trail is rutted due to steep grade and erosion.	
6.01	Trail descends into small drainage.	
6.03	Trail climbs out of drainage bottom.	
6.14	Trail leaves large, open park, enters spruce/fir. Trail is heavily rutted.	Spruce/fir

6.16	Trail travels through dense spruce/fir, deep ruts in trail.	
6.19	Trail passes through boggy area, deep ruts and standing water in trail bed.	
6.26	Trail descends toward meadow.	
6.33	Trail enters large, open meadow, snowmobile route markers follow Monument Trail at this location.	Open meadow
6.38	Trail sign in tree along trail (Willow Park).	
6.40	Trail continues descending into Willow Park.	OM/Spruce/fir
6.52	Snowmobile route forks right (southeast) off trail. Chalk Mt. visible one mile to northeast across Willow Park. Scenic view of West Elk Mts.	
6.63	Trail continues at level grade heading north through Willow Park.	Open meadow
7.00	Trail crosses small drainage, heavy rutting in trail bed.	
7.19	Trail travels at level grade on hillside above Willow Creek.	
7.33	Trail crosses small, rocky creek.	
7.40	Trail crosses small creek.	
7.57	Trail descends at moderate grade along Willow Creek.	
7.70	Trail crosses small creek, trail bed is very rocky.	
7.85	Trail continues travel on sidehill above Willow Creek.	
8.06	Trail crosses small, muddy creek, several reroutes.	
8.11	Trail crosses wet, marshy area.	Open meadow
8.23	Trail passes through boggy area.	
8.28	Trail crosses boggy area.	
8.29	Trail crosses small stream, several reroutes.	

8.38	Beaver ponds visible from trail in Willow Creek drainage.	
8.41	Trail enters spruce/fir.	Spruce/fir
8.53	Trail crosses small creek.	
8.56	Trail crosses boggy area.	OM/Spruce/fir
8.57	Trail climbs at steep grade out of drainage.	
8.74	Trail descends at steep grade.	
8.87	Trail travels on ridge above Willow Creek, steep drop-off.	
8.95	Trail enters dense spruce/fir.	Spruce/fir
9.04	Trail is heavily rutted, bog holes in trail.	
9.06	Major damage in trail bed due to erosion, several reroutes.	
9.08	Trail travels in drainage bottom.	
9.30	Trail is very rough, several reroutes made around trail.	
9.37	Trail is very rough, rocky, descends at steep/moderate grade.	
9.39	Trail passes through boggy area.	
9.44	Trail bed in rough shape, passes through boggy area.	
9.49	Trail is rough, rocky, downed timber in trail.	Spruce/fir
9.62	Trail passes through boggy area, several reroutes.	Spruce/Fir/OM
9.70	Trail passes by boulder field in draw to right (east) of trail.	
9.78	Trail continues along boulder field descending at moderate grade in small, open meadow.	OM/SF/Aspen
9.88	Trail crosses two small creeks at meadow edge.	Spruce/fir/aspen
9.93	Trail crosses small creek in small meadow.	OM/SF/Aspen
9.96	Trail descends at very steep grade into Willow Creek drainage.	
10.03	Trail travels at level grade in open park toward Willow Creek.	Open meadow

10.20	Trail crosses Willow Creek, difficult crossing due to beaver dams that have raised the water level.	
10.22	Monument Trail intersects Buzzard Park Trail (FDT #519) on east side of Willow Creek.	OM/SF/Aspen
10.23	Monument Trail continues north from intersection with Buzzard Park Trail along Willow Creek drainage.	
10.25	Trail climbs at steep grade onto sidehill above Willow Creek.	OM/Aspen/SF
10.39	Trail descends at slight grade, Willow Ridge visible to left (west) of trail.	OM/Aspen/SF
10.50	Trail passes large beaver pond in Willow Creek drainage.	
10.63	Trail re-enters aspen, spruce/fir.	Aspen/spruce/fir
10.72	Trail descends into large meadow.	
10.81	Trail travels at level grade in large open meadow.	Open meadow
10.94	Trail crosses muddy creek in middle of meadow, difficult crossing, several reroutes.	
11.04	Trail crosses second small creek in open meadow.	
11.22	Trail passes small beaver pond at north end of meadow.	
11.25	Trail crosses small, boggy area.	OM/SF/Aspen
11.34	Trail is severely damaged from erosion, rutting.	
11.35	Trail crosses wide, muddy creek, several reroutes. Crossing is difficult.	OM/Spruce/Fir
11.37	Trail continues travel in Wagon Park, scenic view of Battlement Mountains to the north.	Open meadow
11.51	Trail crosses small creek, trail bed is boggy and in poor condition.	
11.52	Large Monument Trail sign to left of trail, trail continues at level grade in Wagon Park.	
11.54	Trail passes through boggy area.	

11.56	Trail enters aspen stand, travels northwest at slight uphill grade.	Aspen
11.60	Trail travels through mixed aspen, spruce/fir.	Aspen/spruce/fir
11.88	Trail descends at slight grade through mostly spruce/fir, some aspen.	Spruce/fir/aspen
11.93	Trail travels through dense spruce/fir.	Spruce/fir
11.94	Trail travels at level grade through boggy area.	
11.98	Trail travels through aspen, some spruce/fir.	Aspen/spruce/fir
12.06	Trail descends at slight grade.	
12.28	Trail travels through spruce/fir, some aspen.	Spruce/fir/aspen
12.31	Trail continues travel through aspen, some spruce/fir.	Aspen/spruce/fir
12.45	Trail travels through aspen, significant standing water in trail bed.	Aspen
12.62	Trail descends at moderate grade.	
12.79	Trail enters small meadow.	Open meadow/aspen
12.88	Trail continues descending through open aspen.	Aspen
12.93	Trail continues travel through aspen, spruce/fir.	Aspen/spruce/fir
13.03	Trail travels through large spruce/fir trees.	Spruce/fir
13.08	Trail enters an open meadow.	Open meadow
13.18	Trail crosses Willow Creek.	
13.21	Trail climbs at steep grade out of Willow Creek drainage.	
13.31	Monument Trail intersects with the Willow Creek Road (FDR #263) in an open meadow bordered by aspen stands above the Willow Creek drainage.	